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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6716

1. Subject mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center commencing at 1500 hours, 24 August 1967.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6716
- b. Date Flown: 21 August 1967
- c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
- d. Mission Success: Successful
- e. Pilot's Name: [REDACTED]
- f. Aircraft Number: 131
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
- h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 21/0235Z
Actual: 21/0343Z (Second Window)
- i. Landing Time - Planned: 21/0635Z
Actual: 21/0738Z
- j. Time Enroute - Planned: 4:00
Actual: 3:55
- k. Departure Base: Kadena AB
- l. Landing Base: Kadena AB
- m. Equipment:

(1) Primary: [REDACTED]

(2) Spare: None Available

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3. Operations:

a. Route (INS Plot vs Planned): Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: Excellent adherence to planned course.

(2) INS Terminal Error: 2.6 NM for 4+20 Nav time.

(3) INS Spec Error: 9.8 NM

b. Mission Generation & Operational Support: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: This first operational mission flown using route options. Option decision finalized at H-8 hours.

c. Other Comments: INS power interruption caused takeoff delay to second window timing.

4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs Actual:

(1) Slightly better than briefed.

b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.

5. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

(1) 23 of 30 programmed targets covered.

(2) 9 first priority SSM targets of 9 covered.

(3) 20 of 28 first priority NVN COMOR targets covered.

(4) 108 SAM sites, 14 sites occupied, 1 new site.

(5) 13 other priority NVN COMOR targets covered.

b. Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

(1) Resolution: Some degradation due haze and cloud shadows. Excellent in cloud-free area--one foot at NADIR; 2 to 2.5 ft. at 20 miles from NADIR.

(2) Camera Operation: Satisfactory. Exposure settings used satisfactory.

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f. Take Movement:

(1) Photography: Satisfactory.

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(2) [REDACTED]

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(3) Comments: Photography processed at E-K. Location

6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory.

b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory.

(1) No. 3 inverter power interruption required update of INS system.

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7. Communications: Satisfactory.

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

b. [REDACTED] Satisfactory.

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c. UHF/HF Commo: Satisfactory.

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8. Significant Actions Taken: DTF requested to report [REDACTED]
resume in seconds for all [REDACTED] This will assist in the analysis of
[REDACTED]

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9. Outstanding Actions Required: Prepare [REDACTED]
procedures/messages to assure status/location of [REDACTED] can be
properly monitored. Messages to be numbered RCM messages (Actionee:
Intelligence Division, OSA.)

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